

# *Introducing Cuba*



*Havana and Zapata National Park*





## ABOUT CUBA

It has been over 50 years since Americans were able to freely travel to Cuba, and while the U.S. embargo is still in place, it has never been easier to reach the “Pearl of Caribbean” than now. Located only 90 miles off our shores yet seemingly so far away, Cuba is now on the bucket list of many U.S. citizens and Trek has the perfect introductory program to see this unique nation. Cuba is the largest island nation in the Caribbean with over 44,200 square miles of rolling farmlands, rugged mountains and miles and miles of wonderful beaches, lagoons and rivers full of fish. On this trip you will witness firsthand all you have read and heard about over the years; great food, the best cigars, historical places, and old nostalgic Ford, Chevy and Dodge cars everywhere. And oh by the way, some of the best salt water angling in the world!

## ABOUT HAVANA



The Caribbean’s largest city of over two million inhabitants and the capital of Cuba, Havana offers visitors a chance to see its evolution laid out in front of them. Havana’s diverse districts identify distinct eras in the capital’s evolution. What was once contained within seventeenth-century city walls now forms the most captivating section of harbor-side Habana Vieja, the old city, and the capital’s tourist center. Moving west from Old Havana is gritty, lively Centro Habana, often bypassed by visitors on their way to more tourist-friendly parts of town but home to the most striking and idiosyncratic section of Havana’s oceanfront promenade, the Malecón. Sharing the Malecón with Centro Habana is Vedado, heart of the city borough of Plaza, its attractive, leafy, open plan neighborhoods blessed with most of the city’s abundant theatres, cabarets, nightclubs and cinemas. From here you could walk the couple of kilometers to the vast and famous Plaza de la Revolución, with giant monuments to two icons of the Cuban struggle for independence, Che Guevara and José Martí.

# ZAPATA NATIONAL PARK

Zapata is known for its diverse ecosystem and year-round fishery, offering clients the fishing destination of a lifetime. Anglers will fish the three principal areas; the Rio Hatiguanico (Cuba's Amazon River) along with the salt flats and lagoons of Las Salinas and San Lazaro. Here flyrodders and spin anglers alike will have the chance to take tarpon, snook, bonefish and permit as well as snappers, cudas and jacks. Guides are all local, very experienced and will be fishing from brand new 16 Micro (solo angler) and 17 Elite Beavertail Skiffs with 30 and 60 horse motors respectively. You can expect to see miles and miles of flats interspersed with lagoons and channels holding large populations of teeming fish.



## THE ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Arrive Havana International and enjoy our VIP Meet and Greet service. Transfer to the Parque Central Hotel followed quickly by a tour of the Automobile Museum and a panoramic drive of the Malecon Beachfront. Dinner at La Divina Pastora.

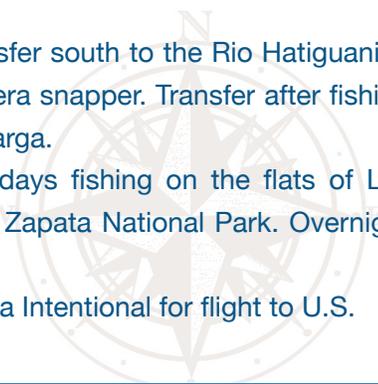
**DAY 2:** A day to see the sights of Havana with tours including the Castillo Real Fort, H Upmann cigar factory and the Cigar Museum followed by a tour of the Rum Museum and cultural exchanges on how sugar cane and rum have influenced Cuba. Visits to famous Hemingway

bars like the Floridita and Boquerita de Medio. Dinner at Doña Eutimia and beverages included. Dinner at La Casa del Marisco.

**Day 3:** Early morning transfer south to the Rio Hatiguanico for tarpon, snook and cubera snapper. Transfer after fishing to Eridan Lodge in Playa Larga.

**DAY 4-5:** These are full days fishing on the flats of Las Salinas and San Lazaro in Zapata National Park. Overnight Enridan Lodge.

**DAY 6:** Transfers to Havana Intentional for flight to U.S.



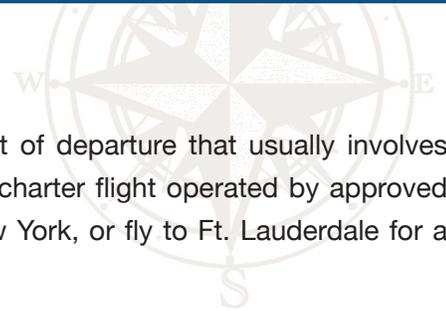


## THE ACCOMODATIONS

Located on beautiful Central Park in the heart of Havana, the Parque Central comprises two buildings, a colonial section and modern tower, linked by a stylish, underground tunnel. Both sections have independent lobbies, restaurants, and rooms. Whichever wing you stay in, you're assured comfort and superior service. Our fishing headquarters will be a new section of the Playa Larga Hotel that has been dedicated strictly for our 2016 anglers. The Enridan Lodge has ten rooms with a private entrance and 24-hour security. The all-new Angler's Lounge will be serving cocktails and food to the groups. The rooms are located close to the water and are being updated to include well-appointed amenities such as new furniture, air conditioning, ceiling fans, flat screen television, a separate sitting room and large bathroom.

## GETTING THERE

To reach Havana we suggest either a commercial flight from your nearest port of departure that usually involves an international stop (Bahamas, Grand Cayman, Panama, Mexico), a non-stop charter flight operated by approved charter companies operated in cities like Miami, Tampa, L.A., Houston and New York, or fly to Ft. Lauderdale for a private Cessna 402 charter directly to Havana.



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